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What's New?

Policy Inquiry Data Review

The Office of Policy and Regulatory Development received a total of 35 inquiries related to the Department's Policies and Procedures. This office reviewed the inquiries from July – September 2021 and has compiled them into the [Policy Inquiry Data Review](#) report.

This office will continue to review data on a quarterly basis and to make the report accessible on the Office of Policy and Regulatory Development's tab, which is only accessible via the DCF Intranet site.

Form Instructions

- [CP&P Form 11-78](#), **Confirmation of Child's Tribal Affiliation or Eligibility**: form instructions have been created for this form, which could previously only be accessed through a link in [CPP-III-C-1-500](#), **Indian Child Welfare Act and Native American Placements**; however, it now can be accessed through the "[Forms](#)" section of the Policy Manual Table of Contents.

What's Revised?

Policy

- [CPP-VI-A-1-101](#), **Independent Living Placements and Arrangements**: this revised issuance explains independent living placement and arrangements for youth between the ages of 16 and 21. The policy includes guidance on making a decision to place youth in an independent living placement or arrangement, along with guidance on Medicaid, Minimum Visitation Requirements (MVR), Clothing Allowance, and Child Placement Review Board (CPRB). The policy has also been updated to include the line of service for the placement, and to reflect the

current format for policy and procedures.

Forms

- [CP&P Form 5-2](#), **Resource Family Parent Home Study/License Application**: fillable text box issues have been corrected within the form.
- [CP&P Form 5-52](#), **Kin Resource Assessment Letter**: due to functionality issues, the radio buttons within the form have been removed. Instead, staff shall choose the correct section and DELETE the other indicated sections before sending the form letter. The Form Instructions have also been revised to reflect the aforementioned changes.

Click [here](#) to view *Policy Updates*

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Policy and Regulatory Development at policy@dcf.nj.gov or 609-888-7030.

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